

A Report to the Los Angeles County District Attorney  
on Brown Act Violations by the Los Angeles City Police  
Commission

April 21, 2021

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# 1 Synopsis

1. The Los Angeles Police Commission has a committee, the Use of Force Committee, which does not hold its meetings in public and does not post agendas.
2. I argue here that this committee is in fact subject to the Brown Act and that therefore it is a violation of the law to hold its meetings in secret.

# 2 Background

3. The Los Angeles Police Commission (“Police Commission”) is a five member body established by the Los Angeles City Charter.<sup>2</sup>
4. Currently both Eileen Decker and Dale Bonner are members of the Police Commission.

# 3 Laws

5. The Brown Act at §54952(b) states:<sup>3</sup>

As used in this chapter, legislative body means: . . . A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decisionmaking or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body. However, advisory committees, composed solely of the members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of the legislative body are not legislative bodies, except that standing committees of a legislative body, irrespective of their composition, which have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body are legislative bodies for purposes of this chapter.

# 4 Facts

6. The Los Angeles Police Commission has a committee called either the “Use of Force Committee” or the “Use of Force Subcommittee” (“UOFC”), which has existed at least since 2011.<sup>4</sup> See [Exhibit 1](#) on page 8.
7. The Police Commission’s description of the purpose of the UOFC has hardly changed over the last ten years. Here are descriptions from 2011 and 2018:<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See [Section 571](#).

<sup>3</sup> The Brown Act is part of the California Government Code and all references are to that code unless otherwise stated.

<sup>4</sup> This is the earliest date I have evidence for. It almost certainly has existed for longer.

<sup>5</sup> The 2019 Committee memorandum doesn’t mention the UOFC even though it currently still meets at least once a month. The Police Commission did not issue a committee assignment memo in 2020 although the UOFC met throughout the year.

These Commissioners will work closely with the Department on use of force issues. Additionally, these Commissioners shall also review all officer-involved shootings involving animals and make recommendation to the Board. The Office of the Inspector General provides staff support. (2011)

Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner will be the point of contact relative to specific matters regarding Use of Force policies and procedures. The Executive Director and Inspector General provide staff support. (2018)

See [Exhibit 1](#) and [Exhibit 3](#) on pages [8](#) and [17](#) respectively.

8. The UOFC met ten times in 2020 to discuss and review both policies and specific instances of uses of force. The agendas are found in [Exhibit 4](#) on page [23](#) below.
9. The UOFC met in March 2021 and likely on other occasions as well, although I have not been able to obtain evidence of meetings other than in March. See [Exhibit 5](#) on page [34](#) below.
10. The UOFC currently has six members, two of whom are Commissioners Decker and Bonner. The other four are not Commissioners. They are LAPD Chief Bea Girmala, Inspector General Mark Smith, Assistant Inspector General Django Sibley, and Police Commission Executive Director Richard Tefank. See [Exhibit 4](#) on page [23](#) below.
11. The [Merriam Webster dictionary](#) defines a [standing committee](#) to be “a permanent committee especially of a legislative body”.
12. The Los Angeles Police Commission has referred to the UOFC as a “standing committee”. See [Exhibit 2](#) on page [13](#). In particular see page 3 in the internal numbering.

## 5 Conclusions

### 5.1 The UOFC does not consist solely of members of the Police Commission

13. As shown above in Paragraph [10](#) the UOFC has six members, only two of whom are members of the Police Commission.

### 5.2 The UOFC has a continuing subject matter jurisdiction

14. The purpose of the UOFC, as shown above in Paragraph [7](#), is to discuss and recommend to the Commission regarding LAPD uses of force, both particular instances and general policies. This is the subject matter jurisdiction of the UOFC.
15. As shown above in Paragraphs [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), and [9](#), the UOFC has existed at least since 2011 and continues to meet regularly to discuss uses of force.
16. Therefore the UOFC has a continuing subject matter jurisdiction.

### **5.3 The UOFC is a standing committee of the Police Commission**

17. “Standing committees” aren’t defined in the Brown Act, so it’s reasonable to look to the dictionary for a definition. As shown above in Paragraph 11, the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a standing committee to be “a permanent committee.” The UOFC has existed in its present form at least since 2011, which is certainly permanent.
18. As shown above in Paragraph 12, the Police Commission itself considers the UOFC to be a standing committee, or at least they did in 2015. But given that the UOFC has existed in its present form since then, if it was standing in 2015 it’s still standing.

### **5.4 The UOFC is subject to the Brown Act**

19. As shown above in Paragraph 3, the Los Angeles Police Commission is established by the City Charter and is therefore a legislative body per the Brown Act (see Paragraph 5).
20. The Brown Act states that every committee of a legislative body is itself a legislative body except a committee that meets all of the following criteria:
  - (a) It is advisory.
  - (b) It consists solely of members of the legislative body.
  - (c) Those members constitute less than a quorum of the establishing legislative body.
  - (d) It is not a standing committee with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction.
  - (e) It is not a standing committee with a meeting schedule determined as specified.

See Paragraph 5 on page 3 above.

21. The UOFC has members which are not members of the Police Commission (see Paragraph 10 above). Therefore it fails criterion 20b.
22. As shown above in Section 5.3 the UOFC is a standing committee. Furthermore, as shown in Section 5.2 the UOFC has a subject matter jurisdiction. Therefore the UOFC fails criterion 20d.
23. A committee of a legislative body must meet all five of the criteria in Paragraph 20 in order not to be subject to the Brown Act. The UOFC fails at least two of the five criteria.

### **5.5 The City of Los Angeles is in violation of the Brown Act with respect to UOFC meetings**

24. As shown above in Section 5.4 the UOFC is a legislative body of a local agency and it is therefore subject to the Brown Act. However, the meetings aren’t open to the public and the agendas aren’t posted anywhere, both of which are requirements of the Brown Act. Therefore the City of Los Angeles is in violation of the Brown Act with respect to UOFC meetings.

## **6 Requested Action**

25. I request that the Public Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney investigate this complaint and, if the allegations are sustained, take all necessary action to require the City to comply with the Brown Act with respect to the Use of Force Committee of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

## 7 Exhibits

## **7.1 Exhibit 1 – Police Commission Committee Assignments 2011**



## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

November 8, 2011

1.0

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** President, Board of Police Commissioners

**SUBJECT:** COMMISSION LIAISON AND ASSIGNMENTS

The Board of Police Commissioners (Board) provides civilian oversight to the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) as mandated by the City Charter. In order to facilitate this complex task and to provide the Board the ability to oversee the Department more effectively, I am assigning specific oversight of the Department's operational functions to individual Commissioners.

This will also provide the Department with information so the respective department entities can provide their assigned Commissioners with information on various projects.

The following assignments are effective immediately.

### **Counter-Terrorism Liaison**

### **Commissioners Skobin and Yang**

In accordance with the ATD/Intelligence Standards and Procedures approved by the Commission on March 23, 2010. The President designates Commissioners Skobin and Yang as the Commission's Undercover Investigation Liaison. This includes approving requests from the Department for covert investigation and supervising the annual audit of Major Crimes Division (ATD) files by the Office of the Inspector General. Office of the Inspector General provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Major Crimes Division

### **Executive Management**

### **Commissioners Drooyan and Mack**

These Commissioners will meet with the Chief of Police on all policy matters. The Executive Director provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Staff

CompStat

Public Information Office

### **Office of Operations Liaison**

To facilitate communication with the Police Commission, each of the four geographic bureaus is assigned a Commissioner as a liaison. The President is not assigned a specific geographic bureau, which allows him to be available to all bureaus. These Commissioners will also oversee the various strategies in each of the geographic areas to prevent criminal activity.

**Central Bureau – Commissioner Saltzman**

**South Bureau – Commissioner Mack**

**Valley Bureau – Commissioner Skobin**

**West Bureau – Commissioner Yang**

### **Office of Special Operations Liaison**

**Commissioners Drooyan and Mack**

These Commissioners will work with the specialized units assigned to the Office of Special Operations. The Executive Director will provide staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Detective Bureau

Air Support Division

Emergency Operations Division

Jail Division

Metropolitan Division

### **Personnel Liaison**

**Commissioner Saltzman**

This Commissioner will deal with third level grievances and discrimination complaints by any Department employee. The Commissioner will work with the Employee Relations Unit of the Police Commission in reviewing and approving their findings. The Police Commission Employee Relations Unit provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Employee Relations Group

Recruitment and Employment Division

Police Training and Education

Behavioral Science Services

### **Policies, Practices and Budget Liaison**

**Commissioners Mack and Skobin**

These Commissioners will meet with the Department to oversee the implementation of the reforms mandated by the Consent Decree and Transition Agreement and meet periodically to receive updates on the formulation and execution of the Department budget. The Executive Director and Inspector General provide support.

**Designated Department Entities:**

Special Assistant for Constitutional Policing  
Fiscal Operations Division  
Internal Audits and Inspections Division

**Professional Standards Liaison**

**Commissioners Drooyan and Mack**

These Commissioners will provide oversight of the Department's commitment to quality of service, community accountability, and Department professionalism, integrity, and credibility. The Office of the Inspector General will provide staff support.

**Designated Department Entities:**

Professional Standards Bureau  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Special Operations Division  
Administrative Investigation Division

**Recruitment, Retention and Succession Planning**

**Commissioners Mack and Saltzman**

This Commissioner will work with the Department to ensure that appropriate outreach efforts are being made to recruit a diverse population reflecting the demographics of the City. Additionally, will work with the Department to develop appropriate mentoring, training and education programs to retain personnel and prepare Department staff to assume positions of supervision and leadership within the Department.

**Designated Department Facilities:**

Behavioral Science Services  
Personnel Group  
Personnel Division  
Recruitment and Employment Division  
Hiring and Evaluation Section  
Personnel and Training Bureau

**Reserve Officer Liaison**

**Commissioner Skobin**

**Reserve Officer and Volunteer Section**

This Commissioner will meet with the Reserve Officers Corps for the purpose of enhancing the profile and visibility of reserve officers and their relationship with the Department. The Policy Section provides staff support.

### **Risk Management Liaison**

### **Commissioners Drooyan and Yang**

These Commissioners will work with the Department regarding the implementation of the Department Risk Management strategy and monitoring of litigation. The Executive Director and Inspector General will provide staff support.

### **Training Liaison**

### **Commissioners Skobin and Yang**

These Commissioners will oversee issues of training for new officers candidates and the continuing education of sworn Department Personnel as it conforms to Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and Department objectives and policies. This oversight also includes POST mandated training and retraining of Officers' perishable skills and Consent Decree required training. The Policy Unit provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Training Division  
Recruit Training  
Police Training and Education

### **Transportation and Traffic Liaison**

### **Commissioner Skobin**

This Commissioner will oversee the Official Police Garages including rate increase requests to revocation of contracts, if warranted. The Commissioner will work closely with the Department on transportation and traffic issues. Commission Investigation Division provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Central Traffic Division  
South Traffic Division  
Valley Traffic Division  
West Traffic Division

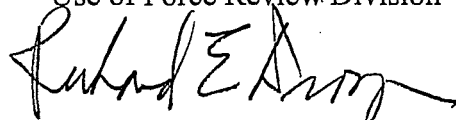
### **Use of Force Liaison**

### **Commissioners Saltzman and Skobin**

These Commissioners will work closely with the Department on use of force issues. Additionally, these Commissioners,, shall also review all officer-involved shootings involving animals and make recommendation to the Board. The Office of the Inspector General provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Force Investigation Division  
Use of Force Review Division



RICHARD E. DROOYAN, President  
Board of Police Commissioners

## 7.2 Exhibit 2 – Police Commission Committee Assignments 2015

## **INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

October 1, 2015

1.0

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** President, Board of Police Commissioners

**SUBJECT:** COMMISSION LIAISON AND ASSIGNMENTS

The Board of Police Commissioners (Board) provides civilian oversight to the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) as mandated by the City Charter. In order to facilitate this complex task and to provide the Board the ability to oversee the Department more effectively, I am assigning specific oversight of the Department's operational functions to individual Commissioners with the below designated Command Staff.

This will also provide the Department with information so the respective Department entities can provide their assigned Commissioners with information on various projects. As necessary I will appoint various Commissioners to Ad-Hoc Committees for the purpose of dealing with specific issues as they are needed.

The following assignments are effective immediately.

### **Undercover Investigation Committee Commissioners Johnson and Saltzman**

In accordance with the Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section approved by the Commission on September 25, 2012, the President designates himself and Commissioner Saltzman as the Commission's Undercover Investigation Committee to fulfill the responsibilities contained in the Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section. Staff support will be provided by the Executive Director and Inspector General.

### **Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section, Audit Committee Commissioners Figueroa-Villa and Saltzman**

In accordance with the Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section shall audit annually the operations of Major Crimes Division for compliance with the Intelligence Guidelines. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the Inspector General.

### **Executive Management Commissioners Johnson and Soboroff**

The President and Commissioner Soboroff will meet with the Chief of Police on all policy matters. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Chief of Staff  
Commissioner Johnson**

President Johnson will co-ordinate Commission business as necessary with the Chief of Staff to ensure the Department is responsive to the requests and directions of the Board. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Operations Liaison  
Commissioner Johnson and Figueroa-Villa**

President Johnson and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Operations as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Operations Bureau Liaisons**

To facilitate communication with the Police Commission, each of the four geographic bureaus is assigned a Commissioner as a liaison. The President is not assigned a specific geographic bureau, which allows him to be available to all bureaus. These Commissioners will also oversee the various strategies in each of the geographic areas to prevent criminal activity.

**Central Bureau – Commissioner Figueroa-Villa  
South Bureau – Commissioner Saltzman  
Valley Bureau – Commissioner Soboroff  
West Bureau – Commissioner Kim**

**Office of Special Operations  
Commissioners Johnson and Kim**

President Johnson and Commissioner Kim will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Special Operations as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Administrative Services  
Commissioners Soboroff and Figueroa-Villa**

Commissioners Soboroff and Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Administrative Services as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy  
Commissioners Kim and Saltzman**

Commissioners Kim and Saltzman will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Professional Standards Bureau  
Commissioners Figueroa-Villa and Soboroff**

Commissioners Figueroa-Villa and Soboroff will be the point of contact for the Commanding Officer, Professional Standards Bureau as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

The following shall be standing committees of the Board in order to provide special oversight to the identified areas.

**Police Officer Recruitment and Hiring  
Commissioners Johnson and Saltzman**

The President and Commissioner Saltzman will liaison with the Department and the City Personnel Department relative to ensuring that Police Officer recruitment and hiring provides the diversity reflective of the City of Los Angeles. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Risk Management Legal Affairs Group  
Commissioners Kim and Saltzman**

Commissioners Kim and Saltzman will be the point of contact for the Risk Management Legal Affairs Group regarding the implementation of the Departments Risk Management Strategy and monitoring of litigation. The Executive Director and Inspector General will provide staff support.

**Use of Force Committee  
Commissioners Johnson and Saltzman**

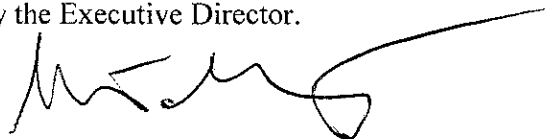
President Johnson and Commissioner Saltzman will be the point of contact relative to specific matters regarding Use of Force policies and procedures. The Executive Director and Inspector General provide staff support.

**Designated Personnel Commissioner  
Commissioner Saltzman**

Commissioner Saltzman will review and approve third level grievances by Department employees. Staff support will be provided by the Officer-in-Charge, Police Commission Employee Relations Unit will assist with the investigation, review and recommendations for the Commissioner to review and approve.

**Designated Parade Commissioner  
Commissioner Kim**

This Commissioner will assist in the event there is an appeal made by an applicant for a Special Event denial or conditions that are imposed upon the applicant they do not concur with. Staff support provided by the Executive Director.



MATTHEW M. JOHNSON, President  
Board of Police Commissioners



### **7.3 Exhibit 3 – Police Commission Committee Assignments 2018**

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

November 8, 2018

1.0

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** President, Board of Police Commissioners

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The following assignments are effective immediately.

**Undercover Investigation Committee**  
**President Soboroff and Vice-President Decker**

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**Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section, Audit Committee**  
**Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

In accordance with the Intelligence Guidelines for Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section shall audit annually the operations of Major Crimes Division for compliance with the Intelligence Guidelines. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the Inspector General.

**Executive Management**  
**President Soboroff and Vice-President Decker**

President Soboroff and Vice-President Decker will meet with the Chief of Police on all policy matters. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Chief of Staff**

**President Soboroff**

President Soboroff will co-ordinate Commission business as necessary with the Chief of Staff to ensure the Department is responsive to the requests and directions of the Board. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Operations Liaison**

**President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Operations as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Operations Bureau Liaisons**

To facilitate communication with the Police Commission, each of the four geographic bureaus is assigned a Commissioner as a liaison. The President is not assigned a specific geographic bureau, which allows him to be available to all bureaus. These Commissioners will also oversee the various strategies in each of the geographic areas to prevent criminal activity.

**Central Bureau – Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

**South Bureau – Commissioner Bonner**

**Valley Bureau – Vice-President Decker**

**West Bureau – Commissioner Goldsmith**

**Office of Special Operations**

**Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

Commissioners Bonner and Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Special Operations as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Support Services**

**Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Support Services as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy**

**Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Bonner and Goldsmith will be the point of contact for the Director, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Professional Standards Bureau**

**President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will be the point of contact for the Commanding Officer, Professional Standards Bureau as it relates to all matters within the responsibility of that office. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Police Officer Recruitment and Hiring**

**Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner**

Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner will liaison with the Department and the City Personnel Department relative to ensuring that Police Officer recruitment and hiring provides the diversity reflective of the City of Los Angeles. The Executive Director provides staff support.

**Risk Management Legal Affairs Group**

**Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Bonner and Goldsmith will be the point of contact for the Risk Management Legal Affairs Group regarding the implementation of the Departments Risk Management Strategy and monitoring of litigation. The Executive Director and Inspector General will provide staff support.

**Use of Force Liaison**

**Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner**

Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner will be the point of contact relative to specific matters regarding Use of Force policies and procedures. The Executive Director and Inspector General provide staff support.

**Designated Personnel Commissioner**

**Vice-President Decker**

Vice-President Decker will review and approve third level grievances by Department employees. Staff support will be provided by the Officer-in-Charge, Police Commission Employee Relations Unit will assist with the investigation, review and recommendations for the Commissioner to review and approve.

**Designated Parade Commissioner**

**Commissioner Bonner**

This Commissioner will assist in the event there is an appeal made by an applicant for a Special Event denial or conditions that are imposed upon the applicant they do not concur with. Staff support provided by the Executive Director.

**Anti-Bias**

**Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Bonner and Goldsmith will be the liaison with the Department entities relative to training that is presented to all employees regarding the prevention of bias and Internal Affairs Group relative to Bias Policing Reports presented to the Commission.

**Community Policing**

**President Soboroff and Vice-President Decker**

President Soboroff and Vice-President Decker will be the liaison with the Community Engagement Group and other entities relative to the Departments efforts in Community Engagement and Policing.

**Homeless Issues**

**Commissioner Figueroa-Villa and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Figueroa-Villa and Goldsmith will represent the Commission to all matters involving the Office of the Mayor and Department relative to the Departments efforts with the homeless community.

**Youth Programs**

**President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa**

President Soboroff and Commissioner Figueroa-Villa will serve as liaisons for the oversight of the Department's various youth programs.

**Immigration Issues**

**Commissioner Figueroa-Villa and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Figueroa-Villa and Goldsmith will serve as the liaisons for relative to issues regarding immigration.

**Department Training**

**Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner**

Vice-President Decker and Commissioner Bonner will be the liaison for all matters involving the development of Department training.

**Video Release Policy Development**

**President Soboroff and Commissioner Goldsmith**

President Soboroff and Commissioner Goldsmith are designated to oversee the development of the policy relative to the release of Department video in Officer Involved Shootings and other critical incidents.

**Data Driven Evidence Based Policing**  
**Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Goldsmith**

Commissioners Bonner and Goldsmith will be the liaison with the Department on matters involving Data Driven Evidence Based Policing. Staff support will be provided by the Executive Director and Inspector General.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Soboroff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

STEVE SOBOROFF, President  
Board of Police Commissioners

## **7.4 Exhibit 4 – Police Commission Use of Force Committee 2020 Agendas**



## **Use of Force Sub-Committee January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Following Commission OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Operations  
Deputy Chief Dominic Choi, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- Background Awareness Training Bulletin – Draft 14
- Nighttime Qualification- Update
- Collapsible Baton/PR 24 Required in the Field
- Training Metrics for Training Efficacy
- Wi-Fi at all the Academy's
- Animal Shootings - Revised

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- ARCON Manual- Update
- Drill Instructor Handbook- Update

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- To be determined

#### **5. Closing Remarks**





## **Use of Force Sub-Committee February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Following Commission OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Deputy Chief Dominic Choi, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- K9 Meet and Confer Update
- ARCON Manual

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- BOLA update
- LAPD Training for 2020

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- To be determined

#### **5. Closing Remarks**



## **Use of Force Sub-Committee March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Following Commission OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Deputy Chief Dominic Choi, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- 2020 Law Changes and UOF Reports
- Nighttime Qualification/Shield Training Update
- BOLA Pilot Update

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- K-9 Meet and Confer- Update
- ARCON Manual- Published
- Chief of Police 15.2 – Administrative Issues
  - Non-Medical Face Coverings

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- Tuesday April 13, 2021, After Commission Open Session

#### **5. Closing Remarks**



**USE OF FORCE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**April 29, 2020, 1:00 P.M.**  
**OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

**2. Items to Review**

- Various Department Manual Sections Involving the Use and Maintenance of Less-Lethal Control Devices – Renamed and Revised – Emailed Out April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Reportable Non-Categorical Use of Force Incidents; AND, Categorical Use of Force – Definitions – Revised (*K-9 Bite / Contact language*) – Emailed Out April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- In Custody Death Adjudication Protocol– Emailed Out April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Discussion on Items**

**4. Questions**

**5. Next Meeting**

- May 12, 2020 after Police Commission

**6. Acknowledgements**

**7. Closing Remarks**



**USE OF FORCE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**August 18, 2020, 1:00 P.M.**  
**OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

**2. Items to Review**

- Reportable Non-Categorical Use of Force Incidents; AND, Categorical Use of Force – Definitions – Revised (*K-9 Bite / Contact language*) – Emailed August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Pressure to the Neck– Emailed August 13<sup>th</sup>

**3. Discussion on Items**

- Critical Incident Video Release – Emailed August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Beanbag Shotgun- Emailed August 13, 2020
- Re-Look at Carotid Restraint Control Hold Documents (attached to Neck Pressure desk note)
- An update on the progress of the training (reported to the commission on 6/23/20)
- An update on the implementation of the UOF policy (passed on 7/14/20)
- Background- Safeguarding our Communities During Police Activities and Use of Force Incidents

**4. Next Meeting**

- September 8, 2020 after Police Commission

**5. Closing Remarks**



**USE OF FORCE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 PM**  
**OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

**2. Items to Review**

- Knee Pressure to the Back- Emailed September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**3. Discussion on Items**

- BOLA Vender Meeting Update
- Training Update – SB 230
- Canine Guidebook

**4. Next Meeting**

- October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after Police Commission

**5. Closing Remarks**



**Use of Force Sub-Committee  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 PM  
OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

**2. Items to Review**

- BolaWrap Efficacy Guidelines- Emailed October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Emphasis on Background Awareness- Emailed October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- K9 Guidebook- Emailed October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (*Working copy- publication pending "Meet and Confer," and final grammatical edit*)

**3. Discussion on Items**

- Pressure to the Back- ARCON Manual re-write / Hobble Restraint Device / Handcuffing Training Bulletin
- Training Compliance, Learning Management System, SB 230
  - As of the morning of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8,693 completed
- Night Shooting Qualification- Personnel and Training Bureau is researching this for the return of firearms qualification in April 2021.

**4. Next Meeting**

- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after Police Commission

**5. Closing Remarks**



**Single Purpose  
Use of Force Sub-Committee  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:30 AM  
OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

**2. Item for Review**

- Defensive Shield- Emailed Thursday October 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**3. Discussion**

- Guidelines for Defensive Shield – Pilot – Will be distributed upon completion, pending

**4. Next Meeting**

- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after Police Commission

**5. Closing Remarks**



## **Use of Force Sub-Committee November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 PM OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- BALKS- Attached
- Nighttime Qualification Assessment- Attached
- Pressure to the Back- ARCON Manual re-write- Attached
- Background Desk Note from PTB- Attached

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- K9- Meet and Confer Update- Attached
- BOLA Update- Attached
- Use of Force In-Person Training and Crowd Control Shooting Situations

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after Police Commission

#### **5. Closing Remarks**





## **Use of Force Sub-Committee December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 PM OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- Background Awareness Training Bulletin – Draft 14
- Nighttime Qualification- Update
- Collapsible Baton/PR 24 Required in the Field
- Training Metrics for Training Efficacy
- Wi-Fi at All the Academy's

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- ARCON Manual Update
- Drill Instructor Handbook- Update

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- To be determined

#### **5. Closing Remarks**

## **7.5 Exhibit 5 – Police Commission Use of Force Committee March 2021 Agenda**



## **Use of Force Sub-Committee March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Following Commission OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES**



### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Deputy Chief Dominic Choi, Office of Support Services  
Police Commission President, Ms. Eileen Decker, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commissioner, Mr. Dale Bonner, Board of Police Commissioners  
Police Commission Executive Director, Mr. Richard Tefank, Board of Police Commissioners  
Inspector General, Mr. Mark Smith, Office of the Inspector General  
Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Django Sibley, Office of the Inspector General

#### **2. Items to Review**

- 2020 Law Changes and UOF Reports
- Nighttime Qualification/Shield Training Update
- BOLA Pilot Update

#### **3. Discussion on Items**

- K-9 Meet and Confer- Update
- ARCON Manual- Published
- Chief of Police 15.2 – Administrative Issues
  - Non-Medical Face Coverings

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- Tuesday April 13, 2021, After Commission Open Session

#### **5. Closing Remarks**